

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

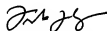
The Applicants have deleted the partial text of canceled Claims 23 and 24; corrected the status identifiers of Claims 34 and 36 to "withdrawn;" and corrected the language of Claim 34 to indicate "claim 16" in place of "claim 16 17," as required. The Applicants have further proofed the claims to help assure that all changes are indicated. The amendments to the claims add no new matter and the Applicants respectfully request their entry.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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